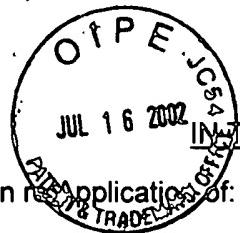


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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David A. Nicholas, et al

Serial No: 10/037,977 Filed: November 9, 2001

Examiner: Unknown Group: 2814

For: ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEAsst. Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of

one month	[ ]	\$ 110.00	Small Entity	[ ]	\$ 55.00
two month	[ ]	380.00		[ ]	200.00
three months	[ ]	870.00		[ ]	475.00
four months	[x]	1,360.00		[ ]	755.00

is hereby requested to

- respond to the Office Action mailed \_\_\_\_\_;
- file a Notice of Appeal;
- file an Appeal Brief \_\_\_\_\_;
- respond to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February, 1,

2002

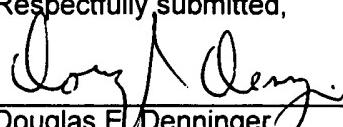
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_;

- An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month was previously secured for filing the above identified communication, and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ minus the fee previously paid of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ equals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ the total fee due.
- Please charge the requisite fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, of \$1360.00 to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. **TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

Date: 7/11/02

Respectfully submitted,

  
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